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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 02-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/02/99	09/25/99
Bro-Fry	157,782	158,676
Lt Hens	1,930	1,982
Hvy Hens	1,809	1,699

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 25-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	416	5	421
Last Week	409	0	409
Same Wk Yr Ago	441	0	441
To Date 1999	17,898	186	18,084
To Date 1998	20,533	266	20,799

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,410	1,662	4,072
Last Week	2,423	1,484	3,907
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,344	1,304	3,648
To Date 1999	98,014	52,962	150,976
To Date 1998	99,507	48,151	147,658

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 25-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,941 (A)	1,994	1,657	3,651
Avg Wt	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41
Last Week	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498
Same Week Yr Ago	149,038	1,903	1,304	3,207
Avg Wt	4.79	3.33	7.89	5.18
To-Date/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892
To-Date/1998	5,545,099	78,974	47,885	126,859

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.8 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 18, 1999

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	24,073	42,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% Of Total /1	23%	40%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	23,035	31,506	27,691
Avg Weight	3.89	4.77	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	38%	34%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	35,702	35,943	32,833
Avg Weight	3.71	4.74	5.89
% Of Total /1	34%	34%	31%

To Date/1999	1,192,988	1,143,427	1,507,449
To Date/1998	1,303,373	1,372,052	1,055,424

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 18-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,818	29	4,847
Avg Wt	0.00	24.95	28.48	24.97
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	3,969	48	4,017
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,602	39	5,641
Avg Wt	0.00	24.56 (B)	24.64	24.56
To-Date/1999	55	177,668 (B)	1,324	179,047
To-Date/1998	72	186,793 (B)	1,376	188,241

(B) Includes 559,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 953,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

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